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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AIFN, AORG, 7,42-

7?: UN BUDGET-FUNDING OF UNRWA

REF: A. USUN 3770; STATE 222873 C. BUERUT 12349

1. EGYPTINAS DEL (ABLUL GHEIT) IN FIFTH COMMITTEE TOLD  
MISOFF THAT IN CAIRO MEETING GROUP WITHIN ARAB LEAGUE CAME TO SEVERAL

DECISIONS REGARDING UNRWA BUDGET. THESE WERE:

- A. ARAB COUNTRIES WOULD DEFINITELY ATTEMPT TO INCORPORATE ADMINI-  
STRATION COSTS OF UNRWA BUDGET INTO UN REGULA PROGRAM BUDGET;
  - B. THEY WOULD WOULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF INCORPORATING ENTIRE  
UNRWA  
BUDGET INTO UN REGULAR PROGRAM BUDGET;
  - C. THEY AGREED TO OPPOSE ANY REDUCTION IN UNRWA BUDGET WHICH WOULD  
AFFECT ADVERSELY ITS OPERATION.
2. ABOUL GHEIT SAID THAT HIS MISSION WOULD BEGIN CONSULTATION WITH  
OTHER ARAB DELEGATIONS ALONG ABOVE LINES AND PROMISED TO KEEP US  
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INFORMED.

3. ACCORDING TO MANNING TABLE SUPPLIED TO US BY UNRWA LIAISON OFFICE UNNY, AS OF JULY 1, 1974, OF 83 INTERNATIONAL AND SECONDED STAFF MEMBERS OF UNRWA, ONLY EIGHT ARE US CITIZENS, AN AMOUNT BELOW NORMAL UN GEOGRAPHIC STANDARDS. HOWEVER, TWO OF EIGHT ARE AT D-2 LEVEL. UK NATIONALS HOLD GREATEST BLOC WITH 33 POSTS. NO US CITIZENS ARE AMONG THE 30 LISTED AS NON-REIMBURSABLE LOANED STAFF MEMBERS. TOTAL COMPOSITION IS HEAVILY WEIGHTED TOWARDS WESTERN GROUP HOWEVER, AND NO EASTERN EUROPEANS ARE AMONG REGULAR INTERNATIONAL STAFF. AS DEPT DOUBTLESS HAD IN MIND IN RAISING QUESTION WITH EMBASSY BEIRUT (REF B) , PLACING UNRWA GENERAL ADMINISTRATIONS COSTS INTO UN REGULAR PROGRAM BUDGET WILL EVENTUALLY BRING ABOUT SOME CHANGE IN COMPOSITION OF STAFF. (REF C).

4. ONCE WE HAVE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH COMGEN RENNIE AND IN PARTICULAR, POINTS RAISED PARAS 5 AND 6 REFTEL C.

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